

761—165.19(312) Advance eligibility waivers. A potential applicant for recreational trails funding may request from the department a written waiver of specified costs. If granted, the waiver will permit a specified expenditure by the applicant without jeopardizing the project's eligibility for funding approval. Granting a waiver shall not imply or guarantee that the department will fund a subsequent application. An advance eligibility waiver must be requested and approved prior to the expenditure; any cost incurred before a written waiver is granted shall be ineligible for reimbursement.

165.19(1) *Advance land acquisition.* Notwithstanding subrule 165.17(1), if there is an extreme urgency involving land acquisition, a potential applicant may submit a written request for a waiver to acquire land immediately. The request for the advance eligibility waiver must include justification regarding the urgency of the acquisition, a description of the land to be acquired, and a county map showing its location.

165.19(2) *Advance design costs.* A potential applicant may submit a written request for preconstruction project planning design and development costs. The request for the advance eligibility waiver may be granted if the total design and development expenditure does not exceed 15 percent of the total construction costs for the project. Adequate documentation of eligible costs shall be required before funding reimbursement.